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Commission Awards \$1,889,657 Grant to California State University Fullerton to Improve Teaching and Learning Through Technology

February 2004 --- California State University, Fullerton will receive a three-year grant of \$1,889,657 in federal monies that have been earmarked for improving the quality of teaching and learning. Designed to address the need for more highly trained mathematics teachers, the project calls for utilizing technology to provide teacher training at convenient times. This online project is expected to improve teachers' mathematics content knowledge, mastery of effective planning for classroom instruction, and use of California's adopted textbooks and accompanying technology-based components.

351 teachers will be served, from 16 schools around the state. The primary partner in the venture is the Orange County Department of Education, with additional partners of California State University Monterey Bay, the Monterey County Office of Education, the University of California Irvine, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and CENIC/DCP.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission has been administering federal funds to improve teacher professional development since 1984. This year the Commission has made awards totaling over \$14 million in the *Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program*.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission and its work can be found at its website at www.cpec.ca.gov. For more information about this program, you may contact Roberta Rikli, California State University, Fullerton, at 714-278-3311; or Sandra Lapham, Orange County Department of Education, at 714-966-4209.